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DAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1914.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Detention of American Ves-

sels and Cargoes Given

Consideration.

IN SEVERAL DAYS

tion of the Admiralty,

Which is Responsible for

the Examination-United

States May Certify Car-

goes, Thus Making All

Such Vessels Immune from

Detention by British.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

London, Dec. 30 .- The British cab-

inet met in special session today to

consider the United States govern-

ment's protest against the delay of

American shipping, caused by the

searching of vessels by the British

fleet. The note reached the foreign

office today, but it is not expected a

reply will be drafted for several days.

The cabinet will seek information at

the admiralty, which is responsible

disregard the protest, and follow a

Washington, Dec. 30.-Confidence

was expressed in official circles to-

day that the difference between the

United States and Great Britain over

the detention and examination of

American cargoes will be amicably ad-

derstanding might be reached where-

by cargoes will be certified before

their departure and thus made im-

American note is regarded as

brusque" in some London quarters.

It is said the British government

note, that it was intended in a most

friendly spirit. It was learned today

that thirty American ships and their

High Records In

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

risks connected with transportation,

trans-Atlantic freight rates on cotton

records, according to local exporters.

The average price of cotton is about

Bremen is quoted at approximately

Ocean freight rates on cotton now

To Bremen now \$18.75, formerly

To Rotterdam, \$12.50, against \$8.75

To Liverpool and Manchester \$4.35

Cotton factors here pointed out that

the effect of the enormous increase in

for the low price the staple now is

bringing in domestic markets. It

would be impossible, they said to pay

at even a moderate profit in European

New York, Dec. 80 .- The general

To Gothenberg \$11.25 against \$3.

compared with normal times are

half the value of the cotton.

\$1.75 per bale.

gainst \$1.75.

quoted by exporters as follows:

To Havre \$5.50 against \$2

To Genoa \$5.50 against \$2.75.

To Barcelona \$5 against \$3.25.

cargoes have been detained.

BE ADJUSTED AMICABLY

CONFIDENT MATTER WILL

for the examination of cargoes.

partment of licials.

lies in the war.

mune from detention.

EXPECT NO REPLY

Outside of Russian Victory in Galicia, There Are No Important Developments.

## USE GUNS AS CLUBS IN TRENCH FIGHTING

In Many Cases Allies and Cabinet Will Seek Informa-Germans, Battling in the West, Even Fight With Their Fists—Russians Say Definite Check Has Been Administered to Germans and Advance on Warsaw is Failure.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. London, Dec. 30,-Outside of the Russian deleat of the Austrians in Galicia, no important developments were recorded today n the continental war in either the East or west. While the Austrian defeat is not irreparable, it is likely to affect the whole Austro-German campaign in the

The allies continue to hammer away at the German lines in the west with artillery. No great gains have been reported, but a report from a French eye-witness today describing the operations from December 16 to 24 indicates the aggregate of the small gains amounts to a considerable advance at several points. In taking a few hundred yards of the trenches in Flanders the allies used their guns as clubs against

of the wespons were chaked with mud. In many cases they fought with their fists. The Princess Patricia Light Infantry, the first of the Canadian contingent to go to the front, is now billeted in a French village. waiting its turn to go to the trenches. They were accorded a

the Germans, since the breeches

## RUSSIANS CLAIM GERMAN ADVANCE ON WARSAW FAILS

splendid reception on their ar-

Petrograd, Dec. 30 .- The Russian view on recent developments in Poland is that a definite check has been administered the Germans. The evacuation of Mistrewice is regarded by military critics as marking the failure of the German advance on Warsaw.

The Germans had succeeded in establishing a foothold in Mistrewice, at a tremendous cost to Bbura, at a tremendous cost to themselves. Three weeks of persistent attacks, however, failed to penetrate the Russian line before Warsaw and when it became evident that the Austrian advance from the Carpathian mountains was a failure, the Germans evacuated the village.

Heavy artillery is being brought up by the Germans along their center between Skierniewice and Pilicia river, but the Russians regard this as purely a defensive move to prevent the breaking of German line by the Russian infan-

In Galicia the Cussians have taken the town of Gerlice, which is regarded as important. It is the junction of several railroads running through the Carpathian district. Yaslisk, also is in possession of the Russians now, and it commands the most important highway into Hungary.

The Vienna official statement today confirms the important Russian victories against the Austrians in Galicia. Announcements here indicate the pursuit of the retreating Austrians continues. Unofficial reports say the Russians have taken at least fifty thousand prisoners.

## FRENCH CLAIM THEY ARE MAKING PROGRESS

Paris, Dec. 30,-The following official recital of principal events of the freight rates was largely responsible war between December 16 and December 24 was announced today:

"This period of nine days resulted by us during the ten days preceding. high freight charges and sell the cotton in the face of the largest opportunity Our aggressive attitude has been continued with even increased energy; everywhere the enemy has been reduced to a defensive attitude. The QUARTER OF MILLION violence of counter attacks has been evidence that he accepted this attitude reluctantly. The checking of every moment made by him in his enmade our advantage the greater.

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# AS SHE BEGS PITEOUSLY

# Committee to Pass on Naval Bill Draft

## Foreign office officials also will be called on for the diplomatic opinions, American Ambassador Page will be asked to discuss the question with Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, while the British ambassador at Washington, also probably will be The American note continues to monopolize interest here. Generally it is calmly discussed, except by those who declare that Great Britain should policy best calculated to aid the al-

Majority Members of the Senate Commerce Committee Report the Measure and Urges Passage.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- A majority of justed. A belief is held that an un- the members of the senate commerce committee today filed a report in the senate recommending the government ship purchase bill in vigorous terms. High officials of the United States They predicted the passage of the here are somewhat surprised that the decreased ocean tonnage and increase of freight rates resulting from the must be convinced, after reading the European war.

Urging passage of the bill. Senator Fletcher for the commerce committee majority presented the report to the senate. Incorporated was a letter from

Secretary Redfield. "We cannot walt long the process of evolution, the patient untangling of complicating views of rival interests, which interests in the aggregate are Kansas Governor Cotton Freights are which interests in the aggregate are infinitely less than the importance of the subject to the free flow of Amerithe subject to the free flow of American commerce." wrote Mr. Redfield.

Now Being Made "We have paid since September 30, our whole floating indebtedness abroad in goods and it looks as if December 30 alone, even with cotton moving Savannah, Ga., Dec 30 .- Owing to slowly would show a balance on merthe scarcity of neutral ships and the chandise transactions of \$100,000,000."

The report on the bill after describing hazards and difficulties of transfrom Savannah have reached new high porting American commerce since the war began, declares:

"We have been content hitherto to \$35 per bale and the freight rate to subserve the interests of European stockholders, and, to a minor extent, of American stockholders in ships under foreign flags, but the shock of war has disclosed the fact that this arrangement, while seeming to work well in ordinary times, has in it elements

of weakness. "Even the serious burden imposed upon our people against our will and beyond our control is not the greatest danger possible. We now see clearly that the fortunes of war or the naval interests of a belligerent may at any time stop our transportaion movement entirely. It did so for about two weeks in August, and circumstances

may recur to cause it to do it again." Describing the abundant crops of the United States and the demand from Europe for American products, the rein consolidating the successes won more than \$35 a bale here, meet the port declares "we are all but helpless

we have ever known." Secretary Redfield pointed out that the United States has been like a department store with any other de-FOR EDUCATIONAL WORK livery system than that furnished at the will of its competitors.

education board made public today the United States, the secretary wrote, "it to a charge of having set fire to his eavor to recapture ground lost to us ninth installment of a report reviewing seems as if we were in the very tran- home here. its work during the past ten years, sition from being a debtor to a credi- On representation of his counsel striking miners in the East Ohio coal the Argonne district and near is devoted largely to statistics of the gent need to make that possible, he he was innocent of the offense department of education in Southern added, was an American-owned and charged, the case was continued one would be distributed in Wheeling, Steamship Nebraskan will sail for "By the governor, attest: "H. Clay controlled merchant marine.

The Measure Which Will Be Considered Today, Provides \$1,000,000 For Aviation Developments.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington, Dec. 30 .- The house naval sub-committee has been called upon the preliminary draft of the appropriation bill. The sub-committee virtually was through with its measure which does not touch upon the naval building program for next year. but eliminates all provision for a dry dock at Norfolk which the navy department had recommended.

The bill provides \$1,000,000 for aviacluding the \$2,782,535 for ammunition for ships; \$1,000,000 for torpedoes; \$1,150,000 for purchase and manufacture of smokeless powder.

next week, Chairman Padgett will insist upon the navy department's and eight or more submarines. Representative Stevens of California, will and Representative Roberts of Massachusetts and others will insist on more submarines, mines, mine layers and sweepers. Several committeemen are expected to urge a reduction in battleships and an increase in sub-

# Scores the Liquor Business In Talk

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 30.-States rights is one of the lamest arguments that could be offered in opposition to national prohibition, according to Governor Hodges of Kansas, who spoke before the national convention of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association

"The proposition that National Prohibition is contrary to the letter and spirit of our government sounds like the slavery argument years ago," he said. "Human rights and the welfare of humanity must be given preference in settling all moral questions."

here today.

Gov. Hodges pointed out that the only objection offered to prohibition is that it does not prohibit and that this argument is advanced by the liquor interests,

"No intelligent person defends the saloon on moral grounds," he contin-"A saloon license is the most expensive revenue a state can collect. Whiskey is a political liability-a parasite on business."

## HONDUREAN CONSUL ON SERIOUS CHARGE

San Francisco, Dec. 30.-Fernando Zermoza Vivas, consul general in San Francisco for Honduras appeared in As to the present situation of the police court here yesterday to answer

week.

W. J. Qualls Then Turns Gun on Himself and Ends His Life—Two Bodies, Front Porch.

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL. his shot gun and, after killing his follows: wife, deliberately turned the gun on with a forked stick, pulled the trig-

to meet tomorrow to finally pass killed her in a cold blooded manner. Executive Committee to recommend lying across the front porch of the event of a vacancy in this office. home just as they fell. When shot both were instantly killed. Qualls' should desire for the committee to daughter made an effort to prevent make such nomination I will, in due the killing of her mother, but when course of time, give you notice, she could not do so fled from the

Qualis lived in Walton county, Florida, a mile from Florala. tion development and closely follows lals from there investigated the afestimates of the navy department in- fair today, but no reason has been assigned for the rash act.

## When the full committee meets Commission Said building program of two dreadnaughts and eight or more submarines. Reppress for provision for a battle cruiser and Representative Roberts of Mas-

of a passenger train on the Chicago.

caused by a broken rail, according to of their booty is unknown, but it is the findings of the interstate com- believed to be large, merce commission, announced today.

W. H. Belknap, chief of the division make their escape difficult. of safety, says in his report to the commission:

defects do not exist in all rails furspeeds, structurally sound track malied upon for the detection of rail had raided the rear sleepers. defects of this type. The large number of rail failures due to split heads sleeping cars robbed was occupied by and, points to the necessity of exercising a wealthy Mexican who was said to greater care in track inspection to dis- have carried \$10,000 in jewelry and failure to account for public funds by cover split heads as early as possible money. It is not known whether he the said J. Ed. Williams as such counin their course of development, and lost it. The bandits entered only the ty treasurer constitutes sufficient when discovered, remove such rails San Antonio sleeper and that known grounds for the suspension of the said from the track.

#### MANY VESSELS ADDED TO MERCHANT MARINE URGES READERS TO

Washington, Dec. 30 .- One hundred and fifty vessels which operated under foreign control prior to the outbreak of the European war have been August 18. The vessels represent a

#### SOCIALISTS WILL CARE FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 30,-Socialist leaders here today declared that if Steubenville and Parkersburg.

## **GOVERNOR SUSPENDS** COUNTY TREASURER

Governor Writes Chairman Levey of County Executive Committee Regarding Vacancy in Office of the County Treasurer.

Stating that if he should desire the nomination by the Escambia County Executive Committee of some person the county treasurer as shown by the to fill the vacancy in the office of county treasurer that he will advise the chairman in due course of time, filed with the governor. Cov. Park Trammell yesterday re- came to Pensacola and checked up plied to a letter from Chairman C. J. the accounts, comparing them with

Mr. Levey, knowing that the treasurer would be unable to make a bond, wrote to the governor asking if a com-Evidence of the Gruesome mittee meeting should be called to Tragedy, Found Lying on recommend some one for appointment at the hands of the governor.

After receiving the governor's letter Chairman Levey said there would be no meeting of the committee, as it is city, is quoted as having stated that evident the governor intends filling the his company will Florala, Ala., Dec. 30 .- Two lives office without any endorsement or were suddenly ended near here early nomination from the county committee this morning, when W. J. Qualls took The letter from the governor is as

"Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 29, 1914.

cola, Fla. Mrs. Qualis begged piteously for her your letter of the 26th inst., in which life, but for some unknown reasons you desire to know as to whether or her husband would not spare it and not I wish for the County Democratic Early arrivals at the scene of the some one for appointment as county gruesome tragedy saw the two bodies treasurer of Escambia county in the

"Replying, I beg to advise that if I "Yours very truly,

"PARK TRAMMELL,

## Masked Bandit Rob Passengers In Steeping Cars

of the westbound Sunset Express on St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha masked bandits near Cline. As the a few days. Railway near Bigelow, Minn., last train neared Spofferd the robbers February, resulting in two deaths and signalled the train to stop, leaped off the injury of several persons, was and made their escape. The amount by the governor, is as follows:

Superintendent Watkins of the Rail

bers swung aboard as the train was the porter of the rear car, they comnished. Under modern conditions, pelled him to awaken the passengers with heavy wheel loads and high one by one and as each appeared he was relieved of money and valuables terial is required. Vigorous and vig- There was no noise or confusion, it ilant track inspection is the only is said and occupants of forward shortage in the accounts of the said safeguard which can at present be re- coaches were not aware that bandits J. Ed. Williams as such county treas-

A drawing room in one of the as the New Orleans-San Francisco Williams from the office of count

## SUBSCRIBE FOR PAPERS

Chicago, Dec. 30 .- Librarians of the nation were advised to urge their pa- the power and authority vested in mo trons to subscribe directly for news- by the constitution of the state, do added to the merchant marine since papers instead of depending upon hereby order that the said J. Ed. Willibrary copies for their reading. in an liams, be and he is hereby suspended carrying capacity of \$73,840 gross address by Dr. Frank P. Hfil, of from the office of county treasurer Brooklyn, before the convention of the of Escambia county, Florida, and that American Library Association which he, the said J. Ed. Williams, shall not opened here today,

## FOURTH CARGO COTTON LEAVES FOR GERMANY

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30 .- The Mor-During that period the board has do- tor nation," and that the possibility of that he was immune from prosecupoints along the front particularly nated \$242,861 to promote secondary aiding Latin-American republics finannear Arras on the western boundary education in the south. The report cially was looming close. The one ur-Five thousand children it was said from this port. The American Bremen with cotton this week.

Copy of the Order of Removal, Issued Tuesday, Reaches City.

## TREASURER WILL ISSUE STATEMENT

Has Not Yet Received Notice of Suspension or Copy of State Auditor's Report Which He Requested-Governor Charges a Shortage Exists in Accounts of Treasurer, But Specifies No Amount.

An executive order issued by Gov. Park M. Trammell, suspending J. Ed. Williams, county treasurer, from office, reached the city yesterday. It become effective immediately and charges a shortage in the accounts of report of the state auditor recently the books and records of the county auditor and the bank balances. The audit was made upon request of the American Surety Co., surety on the bond of the county treasurer in the sum of \$75,000 and the agent of this company, who was recently in the sums that might be short in the treasurer's accounts.

It is known that the treasurer lost about \$7,000 in the bank failures in himself, aimed it at his heart and, "Hon. C. J. Levey, chairman, Pensa- the city, but it is alleged that the auditor's report shows a further dis-

WILL MAKE STATEMENT. Mr. Williams, the county treasurer quested the state auditor to supply me with a copy of his report and as soon as I receive this report I will issue a statement, as I feel it is due

really do not know what to say, but as soon as I find out what the state auditor reports I will make a state-

had been in banks which had failed that there was some discrepancy between his accounts and the bank balances, but exactly what these discrepancies aggregated he did not know

Mr. Williams said that when Mr. Amos, the state auditor, was in Pensacola he had requested a copy of his report, but as yet he had not received San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 30 .- All the even sent him a copy of the executive passengers in the two rear sleepers order suspending him from office and did not know what charges tha the Galveston Harrisburg and San governor had incorporated in this Washington, Dec. 30.-Derailment Antonio railroad were routed from order of suspension. He presumed, sleep early today and robbed by two however, that he would receive it, in

ORDER OF SUSPENSION. The order of suspension, as issued

State of Florida, Executive Office. Examination of fragments of the road and State Ranger Phelps, who the state auditor, which has been broken rail by the government sureau were passengers on the train, quickly filed in my office, that one J. Ed. of Standards disclosed a fissure about organized a posse at Spofford and Williams, county treasurer in and for twenty feet long in the interior of started in pursuit of the bandits. It the county of Escambla. State of Flor the rail. It was thus weakened seri- is believed they will be captured as ida, has during the present term of the nature of the country is said to office, for which he holds a commission as county treasurer of said Es-According to the trainmen, the rob- cambia county, failed, after proper demand made upon him, to account "Assurance that inherent and hidden pulling out of Cline. After arousing for a large amount of public funds

county treasurer, and me by the said report received from urer for which the said Williams has failed after proper demand to account,

"Whereas, The said shortage and treasurer under the provisions of section 15, article 4 of the state constitution, Now.

"Therefore, In consideration of the premises I, Park Trammell, governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of hereafter exercise the duties of said office of county treasurer in and for the said county of Escambia.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed "PARK TRAMMELL,

Crawford, Secretary of State."